GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2321
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2003
DAMAGE TO ROADS IN ORISSA
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the large scale damage caused by rain and subsequent flood to State Roads and National Highways in Orissa;

(b) if so, the extent of damage caused;

(c) the steps taken by the Central Government to assist the State to repair the damage; and

(d) the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) to (d) The Central Government is responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways in the country. Reports of damage on National Highways in Orissa due to rains during the last monsoon have been received. The damage is in the form of pot-holes, cracks, depressions, damage to earthen berms and cross-drainage works, overtopping / breaches at some locations, etc. Considering the extent of damage Government had initially released Rs. 2.00 crores on 01.09.2003 and a further release of Rs. 6.00 crores was made on 20.11.2003.